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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	SANG KIM	3654

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____ .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ .

Information Disclosure Statement

The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609.04(a) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

Specification

The specification is objected to because of inconsistency with respect reference numbers throughout the specification.

For example, on page 8, applicant refers to reference characters "1" and "3" have both been used to designate the frame.

For example, on page 8, applicant refers to reference characters "57" and "41" have both been used to designate the shank.

Applicant is advised to check the rest of the specification. Corrections are required.

Claim Objections

Claims 4-23 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent

claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 4-23 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claims 1-3 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 10, "said pivot point" should be –a pivot point--.

In claims 2-3, 1st line, "An apparatus" should be –The apparatus--.

Appropriate corrections are required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by England, U.S. Patent No. 6360984 B1.

England '984 discloses an apparatus for dispensing and tensioning wire from a coil, see figure 1, the apparatus comprising a frame 10 for attaching to a vehicle 40, means 21 for mounting at least one coil of wire, a lever arm member 30 pivotally mounted with respect to the frame 10, and having a guide 34-35, and the wire 42 defined between an abutment 14 of the frame and an abutment 36 carried by the lever arm member, wherein the lever arm having a first and a second operative positions (i.e., open and close), and a locking member (38 to open and close), see figures 1-6.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Griffin, U.S. Patent No. 3048348.

Griffin '348 discloses an apparatus for suspending and tensioning wire from a coil, see figures 1 and 8, the apparatus comprising a frame (see figure 8) for attaching to a vehicle 40, means 23' for mounting at least one coil of wire, a lever arm member 63 pivotally mounted with respect to the frame, and having a guide 17' and 62, and the wire defined between an abutment 61 of the frame and an abutment 66 carried by the lever arm member, wherein the lever arm having a first and a second operative positions (i.e., open and close), and a locking member 74, see figures 8-11.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SANG KIM whose telephone number is 571-272-6947. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Nguyen, can be reached on (571) 272-6952. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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